

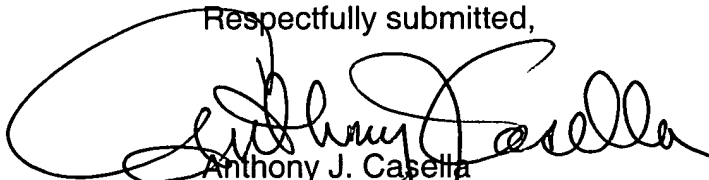
REMARKS

Consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants, by their attorney, aver that the amendments to the specification are to clarify the specification and do not introduce any new matter. The amendment to pages 5 and 6 merely deals with a formality in the original specification reference to the preamble in the independent claim and the amendment has incorporated such preamble into the specification. The amendment to page 10 is to refer to various embodiments of the invention as set forth in the specification.

Some claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants' attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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